

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIA AND FRANCE  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the President of France has visited India recently;
- (b) if so, whether any discussion was held with French delegation in regard to defence cooperation; and
- (c) if so, the outcome thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) The President of France visited India in February, 2006.

(b) & (c): During the French President's visit to India, discussions were held between the two countries on defence cooperation. An Agreement on Defence Cooperation was signed between India and France with the purpose of providing a framework and guidelines indicating the broad areas in which increased defence cooperation is envisaged.